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SUBJECT: IRAQI-IRANIAN BORDER CLASH

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1. BAGHDAD RADIO NIGHT OF FEB 10 ISSUED MILITARY COMMUNIQUE
STATING THAT IRANIAN ARMED FORCES WITH TANKS AND ARTILLERY
MADE BORDER INCURSION MORNING OF FEB 10 IN AREA NEAR BADRA
IN CENTRAL IRAQ.

2. COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS ATTACK PRECEDED BY IRANIAN INCURSION
ON DECEMBER 24 AND ANOTHER BORDER ATTACK ON FEB 4 IN WHICH
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THERE WERE 10 IRAQI CASUALTIES. IRANIAN PROVOCATIONS CONTINUED

AND ON FEB 10 IRANIAN USED TANKS AND ARTILLERY. 21 IRAQI CASUALTIES AND MORE THAN 70 IRANIAN CASUALTIES. KAIMMAQAM OF BADRA REQUESTED MEETING WITH IRANIAN COUNTERPART BUT WAS REFUSED. IRANIAN FORCES REMAIN MOBILIZED AND THEIR A/C ARE VIOLATING IRAQI AIR SPACE.

3. COMMENT: CLASH CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE HERE SINCE NO INFO ON ALLEGED EARLIER CLASHES HAD GOTTEN AROUND. USUALLY WELL INFORMED ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME FEB 10 THAT IRANIAN-IRAQI RELATIONS SHOWING MARKED IMPROVEMENTS SINCE IRAQ'S PRIMARY INTEREST AT THIS TIME WAS RESOLUTION KURDISH PROBLEM.
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